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Westbound US Highway 2 at Towner now open, ND Highway 14 north of Towner open to local traffic only

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) along with the North Dakota Highway Patrol have opened the westbound lanes of US Highway 2 at Towner. The eastbound lanes remains closed. Water remains on the roadway and traffic speeds are reduced.

Eastbound US Highway 2 motorists should use the following detour:

- Go south on US Highway 83 out of Minot to ND Highway 23. Take ND Highway 23 east to US Highway 52. Take US Highway 52 southeast to US Highway 281 at Carrington. Take US Highway 281 to US Highway 2, just west of Devils Lake.

In addition, ND Highway 14 north of Towner is open only to local traffic due to a road closure two miles north of Upham. Water remains on the roadway and traffic speeds are reduced

Alternate routes are available for local traffic on other state highways, however, motorists should be aware they will encounter areas of construction work, water on the roadway, one-lane traffic, reduced speeds and width restrictions.

Motorists are encouraged to use caution while traveling, as vehicles that leave the roadway may become immersed in high water. The roads are closed for the safety of the traveling public.

Please remember when a road is closed it is illegal to go around barricades and motorists can be fined. For road information, motorists should go to www.dot.nd.gov or call 511.

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